



COUNCILMEMBER DONNA FRYE
City of San Diego
Sixth District

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: April 3, 2008

TO: Honorable City Councilmembers

FROM: Councilmember Donna Frye

SUBJECT: Selection of Council President, Council President Pro-Tem and Committee Assignments for calendar year 2009

At the end of this year four of the eight sitting Councilmembers will leave office due to term limits. As a result, half of the City Council will be newly elected to represent their districts. As a courtesy to each new Councilmember, I want to ensure that the selection of the Council President, Council President Pro-Tem and Committee Assignments are discussed and voted on *after* they officially take office. This will meet the requirement contained in Article 2, Division 1, Rule 4.2 of the municipal code that the Council President shall be selected by the first City Council meeting in January. It is also the right thing to do as a courtesy to the new Councilmembers and their constituents who voted for them.

CC: Michael Aguirre, City Attorney

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3.4. Voting on Matters Where a Full Council Vote is Necessary

On those matters where a full Council vote is deemed necessary, all testimony shall be taken as expeditiously as possible with a quorum present. The actual vote will be taken by the full Council after absent members have had sufficient time for review of applicable material and tapes. (Former Rule 13)

Rule 4: SELECTION AND REMOVAL OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT PRO TEM

4.1. Title

The official title of the Council's presiding officer shall be President of the Council. The acting presiding officer's title shall be President Pro Tem.

4.2. Selection of the President

- No later than the first meeting of the Council in January of each calendar year, the Council shall select a President from one of its members by majority vote of the Council. The President shall serve for a term of one year, commencing on the first meeting of the Council in January of each year, or until a successor is selected and qualified, whichever is later. The President may serve more than one term.

4.3. Selection of the President Pro Tem

- No later than the second meeting of the Council in January of each year, the President shall select a President Pro Tem, subject to confirmation by a majority of the Council. The President Pro Tem shall perform all the duties of the President as prescribed by the City Charter or by ordinance when the President is absent or unable to perform his or her duties. The President Pro Tem shall serve for a term of one year and until a successor is selected and qualified. The position of President Pro Tem is not subject to term limits.

4.4. Removal of President or President Pro Tem

At any time, the President or President Pro Tem may be removed by a majority vote of the Council. In the event of a vacancy in either the position of President or President Pro Tem, the Council shall fill that vacancy at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting and the successor shall serve for the remaining term of his or her predecessor.

Rules 5: DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT PRO TEM

5.1. City Charter Provisions

The President shall have such duties as prescribed for the presiding officer in Article XV of the City Charter and such other responsibilities, rights and duties prescribed by the Council and authorized by law. The President Pro Tem shall perform all the duties of the President as prescribed by the City Charter or by ordinance when the President is absent or unable to perform his or her duties.